

meddle and stimulate; they give to our streets and halls a variegated, flashing, exciting aspect, which at the best we may call brilliant and pictorial. They encourage artifice rather than art; they prefer crowded, ostentatious and novel things, for the artistic instinct, free from the masculine mind, is wilful and unreasoning; it asks only for excitement. If women have made so much confusion and ostentation in the domain of taste, left to themselves, would they increase the harmony of, and develop justice in, legislation? What answer?

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